3/2/72

Dear Howard,

Further your letter 2/2q until I take Lil to work: The article from your school paper is interesting. I hope the awareness is widespread.

As I remember it and as I think you have come to understand, it is domestic requirements, t e full magnitude of which have not been realized that required of the Old New Olf Nixon and he find some means of becoming a New Old New Old Nixon. How fast the entire country is going to Hell is not at all reflected in press or official comment. The next thing is timing: he has done too many things a real pol would not have done so early, would have done closer to election.

I have heard announcements of two things I think will interest you if you can receive them on stations a ailable in Phila. The NET is broadcasting the thid of three specials on China. I missed the first. The third is Theodore White and is scheduled for Washington onday night. I presume Channel 12 there will air it. The second is not as easily predicted, a Canadian Broadcasting System hao special of an hour, with readings of some of his poorty dedicated to the late (and great)Edgar Snow, who may not mean much to you. It will help your ultimate SEAsia work to read his. This will be aired on the Washington "public" radio station this coming Saturday night. I hope to be able to hear it.

The Graham letter is self-explanatory. I have no doubt that he ducked me. But I kept my word and did give him a chance. I do not think he is real hap y, but I would not anticipate any unhappiness to extend to the next story, which can be soon. If they do what I think, I may see if I can sue over it, for it again will be something for which I have repeated and long-standing requests, denied. and appealed.

I had a long talk with Jim Lesar, in confidence, for him only, not the committee, on this entire affair.

Ray s appeal was turned down by the state court of criminal appeal. I had not thought they would do this because they could have delayed him longer to send the case back to local courts. One off-the-top-of-the-head interpretation is that they are passing the buck to federal courts. This gets that one step closer. The next step is State Supreme Court. I have but have not yet read that decision. It took a long, long time for them to say so little on this.

Li is ready.

Best,